



DNREC – FISH & WILDLIFE

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 7 DE ADMIN CODE 3500 TIDAL FINFISH (SUMMER FLOUNDER & BLACK SEA BASS)

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)/ Division of Fish & Wildlife proposes to amend Delaware's tidal finfish regulations pertaining to black sea bass and summer flounder (7 **DE Admin Code** 3507 Black Sea Bass Size Limit; Trip Limits, Seasons; Quotas & 3511 Summer Flounder Size Limits; Possession Limits; Season). The proposed measures maintain compliance with approved addenda to the interstate fishery management plans for each species. Specifically, the proposed amendments to the black sea bass regulation eliminate Delaware's existing recreational fall closure period (September 22 – October 21) and the proposed amendment to the summer flounder regulation adopts, through the APA process, a 16.5-inch minimum recreational size already in place through emergency order. The proposed amendments may be inspected at the Department's offices located at 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, or are available by contacting the Fisheries Section at (302) 739-9914.

A public hearing on the proposed amendments will be held July 26, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the DNREC Auditorium, located at the Richardson & Robbins Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901.

The hearing record on the proposed amendments to 7 **DE Admin Code** 3507 & 3511 will open July 1, 2018. Individuals may submit written comments or request additional information regarding the proposed amendments via e-mail to Lisa.Vest@state.de.us or via the USPS to Lisa Vest, Hearing Officer, DNREC, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901 (302) 739-9042.

THIS IS THE ONLY TIME THIS NOTICE WILL APPEAR.